

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Consideration of the captioned application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is requested.

The claims have been amended or cancelled in order to comport with US practice. Accordingly, the claims pending and under consideration are claims 1-20.

Support for the claim amendments and new claims 16-20 is found with the claims as originally filed. Thus, there is no issue of new matter and the claim amendments therefore should be entered at this time.

Early favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested, and Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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